

September 6, 2016

Mayor Jeremy Nunes convened the regularly scheduled meeting of the Dawson Village Board with the Pledge of Allegiance, at 7:00 p.m.

Trustees present were Joan Davis, Josh Blakeman, Nancy Prytherch, John Reilly and Robin Ashton-Hale. Also present were Mayor Jeremy Nunes, Clerk Pat Curry, Water Superintendent Charlie Abbott and Treasurer Shelly Farley. Jacob Byerline was absent. Engineer Kevin Kuhn was not present.

Josh Blakeman made a motion to approve the minutes, with a second by Robin Ashton-Hale. MC

Joan Davis made a motion to pay the bills, with a second by John Reilly. MC

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Shelly Farley gave copies of the monthly report to the finance commissioners.

New Business:

1. Building Permit-Gary Manson. Mr. Manson was not present.

Engineers Report: Mayor Nunes presented this information to the board:

1. Flood Wall: Notice has been received from the Corps of Engineers that we can build onto the flood plain. The first step was getting permission, the second step was getting funding. A letter was sent to Congressman LaHood's office telling him of that need.
2. EPA Permit Extension: We have been granted a 3-5 year extension. He asked if Charlie has anything to add to this. Charlie said he felt we should extend the main a little each year, which would keep the permit active; however much the board wants to spend each year. Mayor Nunes asked if we should start immediately or wait until spring. Charlie said we should wait until spring. The employees are spending so much time on mowing right now.
3. Water System Map: Charlie said he wanted to talk to Kevin, he would like to have Kevin make electronic maps from the paper maps we currently have, rather than Charlie drawing them. There are no valves showing on some maps. We can add them on after the maps are put into the computer. It would be nice to have GPS readings to help locate them. He looked up the price on a GPS unit that would be accurate. There is also a monthly fee involved. He would like for the unit to be accurate within a foot or two of the locate.

Old Business:

1. Water Operator's Class: Charlie said he found out it was beyond his ability to conduct. Jack is going to go take the test. Illinois Water will go over it with him before the test. Charlie said he will go for the B operator license, there is one test in September and another one in November. I suggest you get a guy in here with a license, start him at \$15.00 an hour, after probationary period move him up to @20.00-\$25.00 per hour. That would give you a good idea of whether he is capable or not. Also, I would like to purchase a locator for \$3,700.00, that will give depth. It may cost less than that.

John Reilly made a motion to approve the purchase up to \$3,700.00, with a second by Nancy Prytherch. MC

Charlie said he purchased Adobe Acrobat for \$300.00, for filling out forms that can be scanned in. Nancy Prytherch made a motion to ratify the purchase of Adobe Acrobat for \$300.00, with a second by Joan Davis. MC

2. Water System Improvements: Ongoing
3. Reconsider Vote on Sale of Elm Street Lot: Attorney Steve Scott noted that only board members

who voted to approve the previous motion could make a motion to reconsider. Robin Ashton-Hale made a motion to reconsider the vote on the sale of the lot on Elm Street, with a second by John Reilly. Nancy: No; John: Yes; Robin: Yes; Joan: Yes; Josh: Yes. MC Mayor Nunes will continue to seek a buyer for the property, which would also require the purchase of some adjoining property in order to meet zoning development guidelines.

Trustee's Report:

1. Electronic Ordinance & Website update - Reilly/Blakeman. Charlie asked why the access the Comprehensive Plan on the Village website was password protected so it couldn't be seen? Josh said he hadn't password protected it and he will check to see why there is a password for the Comprehensive Plan.

Nancy Prytherch said people want to know why the Village spent all that money on the electronic sign. Mayor Nunes noted that nearly all the money for the sign was actually donated. Donations from the Ed & Virginia James Estate; The Fountain of Life Church; The Dawson Fire Department and The Dawson Community club all went for the new sign.

Joan Davis said someone stopped their car on the road to read the messages on the sign and was almost hit from the rear. Mayor Nunes said we can limit the sign to two messages to prevent that.

Attorney's Report: Nothing at this time

Mayor's Report:

1. Curbside Clean-up Day: September 24th has been confirmed as curbside clean-up day beginning at 6 a.m. A week after the all town garage sale.
2. Neighborhood watch: Last week a meeting was held with the Neighborhood Watch Block Captains. Mayor Nunes agreed to have the Mayor oversee the program. At that meeting, someone made a suggestion to post the photos of dogs along with their names and a telephone number to contact if the dog is loose, on the Village Website. The question was put to Attorney Scott for legalities. He said it can be a voluntary list, voluntary and not mandatory. The owners would have to agree in writing to allow the information and photos onto the site. Discussion ensued as to who would maintain the web page.
3. Tornado Sirens: The parts just came in, we now will have someone do the repair work.
4. Welcome Sign: Still a bit of work to be done around the base, as well as training for operating the sign.
5. Baseball Backstop Replacement: The fence company approved by the board is backed up 6 to 8 weeks, but plans to do it this fall.
6. Baseball Field Scoreboard: This is not a priority since it won't be used until summer, there will be more to come.
7. Sidewalk Replacement on Constant Street: The work hasn't been done yet, since Scott didn't have a chance to get costs this month.
8. Water Operator Hire: Charlie is more qualified to review the applications. So far there was one call. This will have to be revisited next month. The opening has been posted with the AMWA and will be posted with ILWW this week. There is no cost for these postings.

Mayor Nunes said if you recall, we were given a grant to replace light bulbs with more efficient bulbs. I was just notified today that money has now become available and we have been awarded the grant. More details to come.

Nancy, you asked to be put on the list for animal control. There is a limit of four contact people, and we already have four.

Shelly asked about the clean-up, she has had calls with people asking about what can or cannot be picked up. The information will go out in the newsletter this week.

Meeting adjourned.